But God otherwibe disposed, for "within a while many of oar men fell sick This sickness was an extreme looseness of the body -which within a few da}s -would grow into a flux of blood, sometimes in the beginning accompanied with hot agues, but always m the end attended by an extreme debihtj- and waste ot spirits Towards tne beginning of July there were not much above aoo dead, but by their departure on I3th August above 400, and as many so sick that most of them could not bring themselves on board On their return to the Azores they were much distressed by grievous storms , and there they learnt that twenty-nine of the Spanish King's men-of-war, with five of them carracls, had passed that way a few days before They set forth from Flores on i6th September On Michaelmas day they sounded and the ground on the tallow assured them of being in the Sleeve, and the scollop shells confirmed their opinion that they were on the coast of France, though the Master judged otherwise , by whose judgment, if lus Lordship had not contradicted out of his authority causing them to take a more northerly course, all had perished in all likelihood on the Ushant Next morning they saw Normandy and are now come to shore

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The Earl of Essex is now at Court on as good terms as ever he was, but there be no offices bestowed, nor no more show of bestowing them than the first day the Lord Treasurer died One Stanley that came in sixteen days overland with letters out of Spain is lately committed to the Tower He was \ery earnest to have private conference with her Majesty, pretending

matters of great importance which he would by no means utter to anybody else He affirms that the King of Spam was not dead at his coming away, but that he had retired himself and was coming on.

My Lord of Cumberland himself saith that he hath made a saving journey, but they that understand it better say that all he hath brought (whereof the greatest part is sugar and ginger) will not amount to above £15,000 or £16,000, which is not half the charge of setting out, besides the adventure and waste of his shipping and the loss of 600 men Some find great fault and